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Fourth of July Parade

Allandale Neighborhood Association Executive Committee

This year the parade falls on a Tuesday and marks the 57th anniversary of the Allandale Fourth of July Parade. The parade will organize at the intersection of Bullard and White Rock at 8:30 a.m. The march will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue north on Bullard, ending at Gullett Elementary School.

After the parade, we will hand out awards and continue the festivities with a mixture of fun activities and treats. Currently, we are working on getting a few food trucks and local luminaries in attendance.

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Residents Needed for ANA Executive Committee and Nominating Committee

Allandale Neighborhood Association
Executive Committee

Have you been wanting to get more involved the Allandale Neighborhood Association but feel you just don't have the time? If you can spare a few hours this summer, you can help choose the new leadership of ANA by joining the Nominating Committee.

The ANA relies on neighbors who are not on the board to choose the new Executive Committee (EC) through the Nominating Committee. According to ANA bylaws, the Nominating Committee needs five members, only two of whom can be on the EC. We are looking for three volunteers to provide a few

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Allandale Garage Sale Thank You! Please Join ANA

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The Allandale Neighborhood Association annual garage sale was Saturday, May 6, 2017. Thank you to all who participated and the ANA EC folks who made it happen. Like the

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Best Wishes and Thank You, Janie Ruiz!

Gullett PTA

After twelve amazing years leading our beloved Gullett Elementary school, Principal Janie Ruiz is moving

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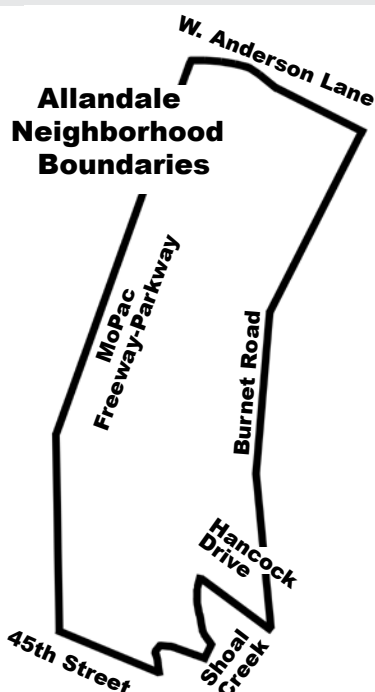
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President's Letter

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This spring has been a busy one for our neighborhood association and summer isn't going to be any slower. Our membership and board members have been hard at work on a variety of fronts over the last few months, including the final throws of several Proposed Unit Developments (PUDs) and the incoming massive citywide code rewrite known as CodeNEXT. On top of everything else, folks have been working hard to organize this year's Fourth of July parade and festivities.

The planning phases of two enormous PUD developments, Austin Oaks and The Grove at Shoal Creek, are both coming to a conclusion, which seems like an appropriate time to recognize the contributions of some of our most dedicated volunteers. Huge thanks are in order to Kata Carbone, chair of the neighborhood's Austin Oaks special committee and also former president of ANA, for her tireless work advocating for our neighborhood with the developers of the Austin Oaks property located at MoPac and Spicewood Springs Road. Ranleigh Hirsh, another of our ANA Executive Committee members, deserves equal praise for her amazing work fighting the good fight at the Grove at Shoal Creek. This is thankless, grueling work and Kata and Ranleigh deserve our sincerest appreciation.

The year of CodeNEXT continues and our ANA members have been working hard on this front as well. You will find tons of great information on CodeNEXT throughout this issue of the newsletter and more on our website, allandaleneighbor.com. Special recognition is in order for Allan McMurtry, chair of the ANA Special

Committee on the Land Development Code, and Todd Shaw, ANA Zoning Committee chair, for all of their hard work.

The 2017 Fourth of July parade planning is underway and this year promises to be better than ever! Our Fourth of July planning committee has come up with some exciting new ideas but we need more help to pull it off. For folks who may be interested in getting more involved with the neighborhood but can't commit to an ongoing volunteer role, this is the perfect fit. We'll need as many volunteers as we can get in the weeks leading up to the parade and on the day of the event. If you think you might be interested in helping out, please email me and let me know. We are also seeking out event sponsorships and donations from area businesses so please pass the word on to your favorite Burnet Road establishment.

There's a lot happening in our old neighborhood so stay tuned! ☿

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hours of their time this summer to review applications and nominate some “worthy individuals” to serve on the ANA EC. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in helping, contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Erik Butler, at erikbutler@utexas.edu.

The EC is the principal governing and policy-making body of the ANA and consists of the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer, and seven directors. Because several EC members are being termed out this year, there will be FOUR vacancies on the EC for 2017-

2018. If you are interested in shaping and preserving the future of Allandale, please consider applying.

To be on the EC you need to be:

1. a resident of Allandale;
2. a voting member in good standing of the Allandale Neighborhood Association; and,
3. the only member of your household on the EC, since no more than one member of a household may be on the EC at any one time according to the bylaws.

Terms of EC members are for one year,

and you can serve up to three consecutive years (however, a president in their third consecutive year may serve a fourth year).

According to ANA's bylaws, we are looking for a balanced EC with respect to geographic residence, age, gender, occupation, and areas of expertise, as well as interest in the goals of the ANA. The term of the new EC members will begin upon their election at the annual General meeting in September.

For more information, contact Erik Butler, at erikbutler@utexas.edu. Applications are due by July 31. ☼

Best Wishes and Thank You, Janie Ruiz!

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on. We are so sad to see her go and appreciative of all she did for, and brought to, the school over the past decade. Since she is not one for big parties or big gifts, we are honoring Ms. Ruiz in a way we hope she'll love: a virtual going away party all summer long!

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any Gullett alumni—students or parents. You can add a photo too, or photos of drawings, pictures kids may want to make for their principal. If you do want to do something more, rather than a gift, perhaps make a donation—no matter how large or small—to two causes in Janie Ruiz's name:

1. Meals on Wheels Central Texas, after school meals for local kids in need: <https://www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org/programs/meals-for-kids>
2. Heifer International, focused on ending world hunger and poverty: <https://www.heifer.org/>

Thank you again, Janie Ruiz, for all you did for so many kid-dos, from your youngest PK'ers, four years old and just finishing their first year at Gullett, to your first class of fifth graders who are now 22 years old and likely still holding dear their memories of Gullett! ☼



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Fourth of July Parade

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Please come and join the festivities. Parade attendees customarily dress in costumes and decorate strollers, bicycles, pets, vehicles and even horses. The Allandale Neighborhood Association (ANA) welcomes all comers and will be updating our usual neighborhood social media sites and other online groups as more information becomes available.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, recommendations, or would like to get involved with the planning or operation of the parade, please contact Rand Zumwalt, ANA Executive Committee Member, at rezumwalt@gmail.com. ☞

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Allandale Neighbors Need to Rally to Change CodeNEXT

ANA EC Member, Todd Shaw

The last six-member council passed the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan in 2012, which included as a top priority the rewrite of Austin's outdated and complicated Land Development Code. CodeNEXT is the new City of Austin initiative to revise the Land Development Code, which determines how land can be used throughout the city— including what can be built, where it can be built, and how much can (and cannot) be built. As required by Imagine Austin, the new land development code was to maintain the unique character of Austin neighborhoods while simultaneously creating a more compact and connected city.

With the release of the proposed text of the code at the end of January and the zoning maps in April, the city staff and council members embarked on the large scale public education and comment phase of the project. In addition to several public meetings, the city's CodeNEXT team created online tools for reviewing the code and maps that allow the public

to offer improvements and ask questions. If you prefer the personal touch, both city staff and council members have set up office hours where individuals can discuss the code and proposed zoning maps.

CodeNEXT proposes two new zoning standards called Transects and Non-Transects, along with two special categories, Other and Overlays.

Non-Transect Zones – Like the existing code, these are use-based zones that control the intensity of uses across different zones and keep certain uses clustered and separated. For example, residential zones restrict uses that commercial zones allow to keep a clear definition of where certain residential and commercial uses can go. Non-transect were mapped in auto-dependent areas, such as single-family subdivisions, other suburban residential areas, auto-dependent commercial and retail areas, and industrial areas.

Transect Zones – While transect zones still regulate land use, the CodeNEXT mapping Q&A states that they are better

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tools to address the preservation of a particular character within established neighborhoods and thus maintain a sense of place. Transects are form based zoning classifications that primarily focus on walkable areas of the city where building form is a high priority. The classifications range in function and form from the least urban (T3), primarily residential areas with a mix of building types to more urban neighborhoods with commercial and retail areas (T4 and T5), then to the most urban developments (T6), mainly downtown. Transect zones prioritize the regulation of the scale and form of buildings rather than relying only on the land use of a property. While transect zones still regulate land use, they are better tools to address the preservation of a particular character within established neighborhoods and thus maintain a sense of place.

Other Zones – These are standards for non-transect zones with unique requirements including Agricultural Zones, Aviation Services Zone, Development Reserve Zones, existing regulatory plans, Planned Unit Developments, Public Spaces, Open Spaces. North Burnet/Gateway Zone and East Riverside Corridor are within this category.

Overlay Zones – These are additional development standards governing land use and building form within the specified area such as Barton Springs, Capitol View Corridor, and University Neighborhoods, intended to ensure proposed development is compatible with existing development within unique parts of the city.

When assigning a new zone to a parcel, the city planners considered a variety of factors, including existing entitlements (i.e. buildable area, height, etc.), development patterns, activity corridor or center designation in Imagine Austin, neighborhood plans, and conditional overlays. Interestingly, they retained current code classifications for 25% of the city due to challenges with fitting them into the new classifications.

For Allandale, unfortunately, the proposed maps if approved will significantly alter our single family neighborhoods. 80% of Allandale is mapped with Transect Zones, mostly T3, which allow for greater residential density than what is currently permitted for single family homes. For example, where most of Allandale is zoned SF2 allowing only primary residences on a minimum lot size

(5750 square feet and 50-foot width), the various T3 zones will permit accessory dwelling units, duplexes, cottages and small houses with decreased minimum lot sizes, cottage corners with three units, and cottage courts with six units. The higher density T4 and T5 transect zones penetrate into single family neighborhoods and allow three-story to six-story development, in many cases abutting single family residences. Where the current code focused on compatibility between single family and more dense multi-family and commercial development, the new codes and proposed maps reduce the compatibility requirements, which will alter the character of many neighborhoods.

In addition, the Transect Zones, especially T4 and T5, allow less parking, more impervious cover (increased flooding risks), and less restrictions on the types of uses. The proposed maps will transform our Allandale Neighborhoods into South Congress but with flooding similar to 12th Street and Lamar Boulevard.

Please visit the mapping tool on CodeNEXT website at <https://www.austintexas.gov/CodeNEXT> where you can compare current zoning to proposed zoning.

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ing and provide comments. CodeNEXT staff and council members have stated that this is only a draft and they are taking comments from the community. Allandale neighbors need to be a strong voice for changing the code to ensure our single-family neighborhoods are not destroyed while city planners try and accommodate the rate of unsustainable growth within Austin. Please comment at the website and write tell the Mayor and council members your views on Austin's proposed new land development code. ☼

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Allandale Eating: Bonhomie Review

Robert E. Mace, Dining from Daugherty

The haiku revue:

*a sleek dark diner
with French fusion food and wine
awaits your palate...*

Back in 1991, when I moved to Austin, you could count the number of high-end restaurants in town on one hand. These days, our city is stewing with high-end food-slingers, so many that each week a restaurant I've never heard of before closes.

Don't get me wrong: I LOVE that we are stewing in delicious, chef-run restaurants. People complain about changes in Austin, but the rise of our internationally recognized food culture has been glorious. The problem with this plethora of great chow is that I've become food-jaded. Good food is not good enough, and great food is merely pedestrian: I need transcendental chewing to be truly impressed.

This brings us to Bonhomie.

The brainchild of Chef Philip Speer and Sean McCusker, Bonhomie is self-described as an "American diner-inspired French bistro." Speer and McCusker bring impressive pedigrees to this new neighborhood spot: Speer was involved with Jean Luc's Bistro, Starlite, Uchi, Uchiko, and St. Philip, and McCusker was involved with Sylvain and Barrel Proof, both of New Orleans. After struggles with alcohol and drugs—seemingly endemic in the food industry—Bonhomie is a return from the ashes for Speer.

Located in the AMLI mixed-use building at 5350 Burnet Road, the restaurant is a modern interpretation of a classic American diner with a healthy sprig of post-war sixties cool (a massive photo of Richard Neutra's Kaufman House perches behind the hostess). The color and material scheme sources from Speer's motorcycle, presumably a Triumph Bonneville. A few vintage motorcycle helmets grace the wall behind the bar. A large photo of folks admiring a small herd of scooters

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hangs nearby. The décor is sleek, minimal, and understated; an appropriate backdrop for the focus of the place: food.

Bonhomie means “good-natured friendliness,” and the staff is, indeed, good-natured and friendly. The service is attentive but not smothering. With all the hard surfaces and an open kitchen, the place can get noisy from happy hour through dinner, but not enough to keep you from cooing with a date. Free parking is available in the garage but may be at a premium while there’s a yoga class stretching next door.

The menu is short but thorough and versatile, with tapas-style house specialties (\$8 to \$16), plates (\$10 to \$23), pommes rosti (\$8 to \$24), sides (\$1.5 to \$8), and desserts (\$8). If you’re looking for a snack or a full sit-down dinner, the pieces are all here. On our first visit, we sat at the bar to try various appetizers. The haricot vert (green beans with lemon, sherry vinegar, and chervil; \$9) was the bride’s favorite. Being big fans of southern French cuisine,

we were excited to see cassoulet as a side (white bean, marcona almond; \$7) but found it much less rich and flavorful than the ones we’ve enjoyed in France. The star of the show was a pommes rosti, a giant hash brown topped with bacon, soft scrambled eggs, and Boursin, a soft, creamy cheese (\$10). If you want to have a rich breakfast for lunch or dinner, this is your dish. Although delicious and on the shortlist for a return trip, the green beans and hash browns were slightly oversalted for our taste (although a book the bride is reading, *Salt Fat Acid Heat* by Samin Nosrat, has us wondering if we undersalt our food...).

As might be expected, the wine list is mostly French with occasional domestics (but, curiously, none from Texas). A couple of French beers are available with several local brews as well. The specialty cocktail list is short but delicious.

On a second trip, this time for lunch, I tried the highly recommended double cheeseburger (topped with caramelized

onions, pickle, and dijonnaise with an unnoted side pile of arugula for atonement) and was not disappointed: simply stunning and a steal at \$10.50. The fries and remoulade, which I didn’t need given the size of the burger and pile of rocket, were nonetheless a great compliment to the burger.

On a third trip, I tried the pommes rosti with foie gras gravy, cognac, and a soft egg (\$19) and the French dip croissant (a steal at \$7). The rosti was good, with a small slab of foie gras and rich gravy, but the hero of the meal was the triple-threat croissant: a flaky French pastry filled with Central Texas brisket with a Vietnamese pho dipping broth.

I read that Speer lives in the neighborhood and that his primary goal was to bring great food to a part of town that needs more great food. In this, he has unquestionably succeeded. While I wouldn’t call this food transcendental (although the soft scramble pommes rosti and the burger come close) and I



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wouldn't necessarily drive across town to eat here, I will eagerly drive down the street to enjoy comfortable notables and further explore Speer's menu.

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More Allandale Eating

Laura Beck

OK, I know, I rambled on last time, far too long. But there was just so much to share! And this issue, no exception. I didn't have space in the April issue to tell you that Picnik really is worth the hype! I don't know that it's a "paleo" restaurant –it's certainly not paleo-only– and I have yet to try butter coffee so I don't know what that is. But what I have had there in 2 visits is beyond delish. My first

trip, I couldn't stay away from the French toast, even at lunchtime. It was heaven—came with cherry-berry pomegranate jam, mascarpone drizzle, berries, and maple syrup. SO GOOD! My friend was way healthier with the house salad, which is no bowl of lettuce. It has strawberries, green apple, goat cheese, pecans. She added chicken. So good I actually did want to share. My next visit, I went for the hash I'd heard so much about. I had the Reuben hash with corned beef, potato, asparagus, sauerkraut, in a thousand-island aioli, and with a poached egg on top. Again, absolutely delish. My friend had the harvest hash and he was nice enough to share it, also great, sweet potato, spinach, Brussels sprouts, sausage, apple, pecans tossed in maple vinaigrette, also with that poached egg topper. My most recent visit was a girl's night dinner with friends. Everyone was happy with their choices, food and good drinks. The guacamole is really unique at Picnik, adding apple and kale. The beef stew was yummy and the chicken tenders are a rare one OK for those gluten free. But it was the cobb salad that gave me food envy.

Next time, I will order that! Highly recommend Picnik.

Now, many know my family loves a good cheesesteak. Delaware Subs is our go-to for traditional, but we are giant Philadelphia fans, and still ticked about the closing of the store on Anderson and Shoal Creek Boulevard, and we all still dream of mustard blend often enough to get up to Great Hills to satisfy those cravings. We were excited to check out Way South Philly, newly opened at 5222 Burnet Road, between Chi'Lantro and Austin Diner. This is another food truck turned brick and mortar, started in 2011 by a Philadelphia born cheesesteak native. Way South (of) Philly is very welcome in the hood because the traditional cheese steak –with Cheez Whiz!– is something else! It's not cheap, but it's also a huge sandwich. On our second visit, we tried provolone instead of liquid cheese and we won't do that again. It was still good, but there's something absolutely delish about Cheez Whiz on a sandwich. We'll skip it on the tater tots next time though, just too much and took away from a great tot. ☞



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Introducing Austin Center for Grief and Loss

Mary Q. Dickerson, RN, CPA, Executive Director, Austin Center for Grief and Loss

The Austin Center for Grief and Loss (formerly My Healing Place) joined the Allandale neighborhood in August, 2016. We are a non-profit bereavement counseling center that will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year. It has served Austin as a premier center for grief, loss and trauma therapy. The center serves individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one from illness, accident, suicide, or violence as well as non-death losses such as abuse, traumatic accident, divorce, and job loss. Individual therapy and group sessions are available.

Having lost our lease last year, a benefactor, who believed that the mission of the organization was so important to Central Texas, bequeathed a generous gift to purchase a permanent home. We are located at 2413 Greenlawn Parkway. We serve the greater Austin area and hope that if any of our Allandale neighbors need us or know of someone who may, be assured that we are here to help and can be an invaluable resource.

This summer, the center will sponsor an old fashion ice cream social on Sun-

day, July 16 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We extend a warm invitation to our Allandale neighbors but ask that you RSVP by visiting our website for details at www.austingrief.org. Please stop in and meet the team and enjoy some yummy ice cream with us.

We will also be offering a therapeutic yoga series beginning Thursday, June 15. When humans grieve, it is not just their minds that are affected but also their bodies. Yoga integrates the body, mind, and spirit as the whole person seeks restoration. The yoga series will be facilitated by a licensed yoga instructor and a licensed clinical therapist. Please visit the website for more information and to register.

In August, the center will launch Camp Red Bird. This is a one week day camp for children ages 6-12 who have experienced a loss. Camp Red Bird will be led by a licensed therapist and incorporate therapeutic arts and crafts, games, and traditional outdoor activities. Space is limited. For more information about Camp Red Bird or any of our services please visit our website or contact us at 512-472-7878. ☼

Allandale Outside: No Maintenance Yard? Mother Nature Always Wins!

Ginger Soulé

This issue, I'm going to depart from how to grow things to discuss a current trend I learned about from Elizabeth McGreevy, MA in Landscape Architecture from A & M and owner of Droplet Ecology Land Planning and Design.

Fads come and go, sometimes adopted based on supposed value or utility without considering how they will hold up over time. The increasing use of gravel or chipped glass is a current form that has captured the imagination of "house flippers" and those who like a clean, uncluttered look or who want a low to no maintenance weed-free yard, believing they can impose their desires on "Nature" and "Nature" will cooperate. Unfortunately, city dwellers don't grasp the concept that "Mother Nature" and not the home owner is in charge, and it's better to work with not against her unless you enjoy frustration.

Problem categories: Stones and glass absorb and re-radiate solar heat creating



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an extra heat load (up to 30%) on your dwelling whereas grass and other greenery reduce the cooling load by 15%.

Weed barrier under rocks limits water absorption and oxygen exchange—needed by all plants and tree roots. This occurs because eventually the tiny holes in the weedblock fabric get silted closed because soil is composed of different size particles and our Shoal Creek clay is mostly very fine particles. Large particles remain on top, tiny ones sink. Post oaks can die in three years, others experience slow decline over many years. This if the area to be covered is large and will impact trees. Remember, the root zone of a mature tree can extend up to two and a half times the diameter of the branches, and it is the last few feet of the root zone that picks up moisture and nutrients from the soil.

Additionally, weeds can still grow because in our neighborhood as we have so many mature trees shedding leaves and pollen which provide humus falling between gravel or glass particles where weed seeds can germinate. Then the home owner must resort to vacuuming, torching or poison to control unwanted seedlings—all of which can impact tree roots. Who needs that?! Further, depending on the grade (slope), and we have many sloping yards in Allendale, our occasional gully-washer rains will “rear-range” gravel or glass to unwanted areas—much to the consternation of the home-owner!

Best Uses: on level ground and used as spacing areas between stepping stones, gravel/glass can create an attractive pattern which also allows water to soak into the ground, avoiding run-off. Another use is as a narrow channel to move water from an upper area to a lower, again so as to utilize rather than lose water to run-off. Caution: secure edging is needed to keep particles in place and to avoid displacement by fast moving water. Grade (slope) should be no more than 10 – 12 %; a grade of 15% or more will facilitate unwanted gravel movement. ☼

Allendale Garage Sale Thank You! Please Join ANA

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Fourth of July parade coming up, this is just one of the services that the ANA offers to its members. ANA Membership is only \$20 per year (\$10 over age 55), with all proceeds going to support neighborhood activities. ☼

JOIN ANA

More Allendale Outside: Poison Ivy Help

Carol Edwards (as posted to the list-serv April 22)

This builds on Laura DiCarlo's comments about poison ivy, and preventing valuable trees/bushes being cut down, as noted in the April issue of the newsletter.

I live on Pegram and I have been walking daily in the park for over five years. I spend a lot of time looking at plants and birds and picking up dog poop some dog owners have ignored

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More Allandale Outside: Poison Ivy Help

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(my late husband was a botanist and I'm a qualified amateur by various plant / habitat organizations and have lots of plant books at my disposal).

There well may be some Poison Ivy along the park fence—as there is poison ivy for sure down into the creek bed where boys sometimes play and all along the north trail (across the little stream behind the playground). But most of the three-leaf plants in that area by the Pony Field are box elder (*Acer negundo*), a native maple tree from the eastern part of the state and common along creeks. If you look back behind the fence in the area and further south, you will see medium-sized Box Elder trees and lots of their shoots along the fence with the three leaves clearly evident.

An excellent website to see the difference is www.savorlife.com (or you can use other sites). They have excellent and confusing photos of both plants, and when they are shown together it is as confusing

as seeing them in the park. But I did learn about the difference fairly recently with a plant walk with Austin chapter of the Native Plant Society!

Thus, I hope someone doesn't come in and cut down valuable trees without realizing what they are doing. ☼

BUG OFF! House Flies

Wizzie Brown

Moving into summer, we should prepare for the inevitable...house flies. While many see house flies as just a nuisance, they can spread diseases such as dysentery or food poisoning. Due to the locations house flies frequent—garbage, manure, and carrion—they can pick up bacteria and other disease organisms which can transfer to other areas where they may land such as dishes, food, or countertops. House flies regurgitate onto food to liquefy it before eating and they can further contaminate items by defecating upon surfaces.

The common house fly has two wings and is dull gray with black stripes on the

thorax (the section where the wings are attached). Adult flies can only eat liquid foods and have sponging mouthparts specialized to help them feed.

Eggs are usually laid on decaying matter such as animal fecal material, grass clippings, or garbage. Around 100-150 eggs are laid by the female. Depending upon temperature (warmer temperatures speed things up) eggs may hatch from within eight hours to two days.

Maggots, the immature stage of a fly, are small, white, carrot-shaped, and legless. There are three larval molts then mature larvae seek a dry location for pupation. Pupae are reddish brown and somewhat oval in shape.



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During the summer, house flies may live up to 2.5 weeks while during cooler times of the year they may live up to three months.

The key to fly management is sanitation, or cleaning. Eliminate breeding sites by picking up animal waste one to two times per week; empty garbage cans regularly; clean garbage cans at least once a

month with soapy water. Keep garbage cans located away from doors that lead into the home and make sure they have tight fitting lids.

Other items that can help reduce fly problems include keeping window screens in good repair, making sure doors and windows have a tight seal and weather stripping is in good condition, and using

fly swatters or sticky fly paper to get rid of adult flies.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512-854-9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com. ☼

Gullett Good News

Gina Ross

Gullett is a school like no other place and we are winding down another great school year! On April 9, Gullett parents celebrated at VIVA Gullett, our annual spring fling and silent auction. This year's event was held at La Mancha Tex-Mex Tavern. It was a fun night for our community as we raised money to support technology, sustainability and educational programs at Gullett. Thank you to La Mancha for being such wonderful hosts!

On May 4, Gullett welcomed an author visit from Pinkalicious author Victoria Kann! Kids were treated to a book reading and some insight into how Ms. Kann creates her characters and comes up with story ideas. AND we got her to sign some books too!!

Once again, the Gullett Fine Arts Extravaganza was a stop on the West Austin Studio Tour on May 12. The event showcased art that Gecko students have been working on all year. There were also art activities, pizza, a bake sale and a performance by our fabulous choir! Gullett art also got some exciting news when we were chosen as one of only eight elementary schools in the Austin area to participate in an ACC community mural with Amado Pena!! Congratulations to Ms. Leatherwood and our Gecko artists.

Big congratulations are also in order for our choir. The Gecko Choir earned a sweepstakes trophy with all 1s in performance and sight reading at the Hays Choir Contest. Way to go, Ms. Grill and the Gecko choir!!

On May 31, Gullett welcomed 45 former Geckos Seniors from all over Austin for our first annual Gecko Graduate parade. Our graduating seniors walked the Gullett stage in their caps and gowns and shared with our fourth and fifth graders what their post-high School plans are. It was such a treat to see these familiar faces and to celebrate this important milestone with our community

Our fifth-grade legacy project this year was a facelift for the corner of Hunt and Treadwell. Parents and students worked hard to install new benches, walkways and a bridge to beautify the front entrance of the school and our neighborhood. Come by and check it out!

And, as we say goodbye to our graduating fifth graders (see below), we also said goodbye to some fantastic members of the Gullett staff, including Susan Hussey in the office for the past six years, and Ms. Totten and Ms. Thomas, two beloved Kindergarten teachers. And again, our principal Janie Ruiz is moving on. Please see the front page on how you can leave her a message to wish her well after 12 years steering our ship.

Upcoming events:

Summer break!!

Back to school skate party: Thursday, August 17

Meet the teacher: Friday, August 18

First day of school: Monday, August 21

To keep on top of all the good stuff happening at Gullett, check out GullettGeckos.com.

Have a great summer! Stay cool! ☼



Editor's Note:

On May 31 and June 1, 90 fifth graders became the latest group of Gullett alumni, graduating and moving on to middle school! Congratulations to all graduating Geckos!

Once again, local businesses stepped up to recognize these graduates in amazing ways! 13 businesses gave over \$57 per student in goodies, over \$5,000 total!

Big thanks to the following businesses, please support them and let them know we appreciate their support of our Gullett Graduates!

- Amy's Ice Cream (second year and big supporter of the school, BookSpring celebration, neighborhood Fourth of July party)
- Blue Baker (second year and big supporter of the school, teacher holiday cookie sale)
- CraigO's (second year and big supporter of the school)
- Dang Kitchen
- Galaxy Café (second year)
- Goodalls
- Hat Creek (second year and big supporter of the school)
- Jugo
- Juiceland
- PTerry's
- Rebel Pizza (second year and big supporter of the school)
- Taco Deli (second year)
- Top Notch (second year)

All About Lamar

Gina Ross

That's a wrap! It's the end of another great school year at Lamar Middle School and Fine Arts Academy! It has been a busy end to the school year as many students participated in UIL competitions, spring dance, choir orchestra and band performances and end of the year celebrations.

The sixth-grade science club competed at the University of Texas at Austin in the Mini-Science Olympiad and received third place overall! On April 29, Lamar guitar students competed in AISD's annual solo and ensemble competition. Students prepared a solo piece and performed it for a judge. This year eleven students received a superior rating (the highest score) and were awarded a medal. Way to go Scotties!

The Visual Arts Department would like to give a shout out to all of the students who competed in Jr. VASE this year. This is an honored UIL event that artists work towards all year. The student artwork consists of drawings, paintings, mixed media, sculpture, photography, digital arts and animation. An amazing variety of artwork was submitted to be judged. 140 artworks from Lamar were given the highest ranking of 4! 25 out of 60 best in show or silver seals that were awarded in the region were given to Lamar student artists!

Lamar said goodbye to the 2016-17 class of eighth graders on Tuesday, May 30 at the advancement ceremony at AISD PAC. Friends and families gathered as students walked the stage for a final time as Lamar Scotties. Students celebrated with a picnic and swimming at North-



west Park and Pool the next day before returning to Lamar for their final bell. Good luck Scotties wherever next year takes you!

Lamar is also saying goodbye to a very special part of our community. Ms. Gloria Davis, eighth-grade counselor, is retiring after 32 years at Lamar. Ms. Davis was a teacher for many years before becoming a counselor. Students paid tribute to her at the advancement ceremony and Ms. Davis shared the changes she has seen at Lamar during her years as a Lamar Scottie. Good luck to Ms. Davis!

Planning to de-clutter your home this summer? Please set aside your garage sale worthy items for the seventh annual Lamar band booster garage sale. Thanks to all of you, it gets bigger and better every year. Our bands have lots of exciting events in the upcoming 2017-2018 school year that we are fundraising for. Please start saving your garage sale worthy items to donate. Like last year, we will start collecting items at the Lamar Middle School tennis courts during the week prior to the sale. The sale will take place in late September or early October this year so be on the lookout for dates to donate and shop. If you have any questions or need assistance getting items to us, please contact annboyd1@yahoo.com. Please spread the word to all your friends and neighbors to start saving their garage sale worthy stuff. All proceeds from the sale go to supporting our amazing band programs! Thank you!!!

Have a great summer everyone! We look forward to seeing you at Lamar next year! ☼

It's Knight Time – McCallum Updates

Compiled by Jill Whiteside Schavvda



Things all McCallum parents should know

The website will answer most of your questions about the school. Go to the home page at www.mccallumhs.com and mark it as a favorite. It is your link to all information about McCallum High School. The MACKNIGHTLY biweekly email newsletter brings you the most current news in a timely fashion. See <https://mccallumhs.com/programs/parents/> for more information!

Important Dates:

August 8 and 9, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Registration. For students new to AISD and current AISD students who have moved or transferred during the summer.

August 10, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.: Orientation. For all students new to campus or new to AISD. Bus routes will run.

August 21: First Day of Classes. Regularly enrolled students will receive a class schedule and report for a full day of classes.

Summer Spirit and Dance Camps

Join McCallum cheerleaders and/or Blue Brigade members for games, dances, crafts, cheering and lots of fun.

Cheer camp is July 24 – July 27, from 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the field house. Blue Brigade Dance camp is July 31 – August 4, from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is \$90 per child for each camp or \$150 for both. To register visit:



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Eight Week Summer Exchange Student

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There are also two boys arriving in August for the fall semester, one from Germany and one from Italy.

Questions? Please contact Laura Slaughter at 512-825-2288 or laura_slaughter@hotmail.com for additional information.

Summer Robotics Camp Now Enrolling

McCallum's annual summer robotics camp is now enrolling! This camp is for students entering fifth through ninth grades in the fall. Camp runs from Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the McCallum engineering lab, room 151. Camp activities focus on Arduino-based circuit and robotics programming. Camp registration is \$250. Please visit <http://mccallumrobotics.weebly.com/summer-camp.html> for more information and to register. Questions? Contact Audrea Moyers, audrea.moyers@austinisd.org.

Easy Summer Reading – MAC Library has Ebooks!

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McCallum Orchestra Booster Club – Business Sponsorship

Are you looking for a unique opportunity to expose your business to a captive audience? The McCallum Orchestra Booster Club is seeking business sponsorships for the 2017-2018 school year. Business sponsorship recognition ranges from mentions

in concert programs to underwriting of major advertised events. Contact Margo Shaw at shaw.margo@gmail.com for more information.

Other Mac Resources:

Fine Arts Academy: <https://mccallumhs.com/fine-arts-academy/events/>

McCallum Athletics Program

Info and Schedule Links: <https://mccallumhs.com/programs/athletics/>, <https://mccallumhs.com/events-calendars/> ☼

Congratulations to the 2017 McCallum Fine Arts Academy Cinematic Arts graduating seniors! You are a very talented group of young filmmakers!

A very special congratulations to seniors Paul Plath and Sidda Bruno, whose films took 1st & 2nd place in the Carson Cummings Foundation scholarship auditions! Sidda was also awarded the 2017 Students Making Films scholarship.

Mac Cinematic Arts is a 4 year, script to screen program that teaches students all aspects of film making and production.



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Neighborhood Watch

Laura DiCarlo, ANA Safety Chair, lhdicar-lo@yahoo.com

Activities of the Safety Committee since the April newsletter:

- Learned of and disseminated crime/safety information
- Cleaned up and reported graffiti
- Attended a Region 1 Commanders Forum
- Inquired on the status of the Twin Oaks sidewalk project
- Replaced a Neighborhood Watch patrol sign
- Attended the 5/6 Citizen Led Austin Safety Partnership (CLASP) forum at McCallum HS
- Learned about the Austin-Travis County EMS Senior Home Safety Program

Crime Stats

The exciting news is that since the writing of the April newsletter there have been no reported burglary of residences! There was an attempted break-in at a house on Susie Court, however (someone knocked and then tried to open the door but never gained entry). While there were

15 burglary of vehicles (BOVs), eight of them were at the park or in commercial areas. The BOVs were on Woodview, 7801 SCB condos, Rebel Pizza/Suzi's China Grill parking lot, Great Northern Boulevard at Pinecrest, JD Motors on Burnet Road, Hunt Trail, W. Frances, Northcross, 7000 Ardath (NW Park), Whitepine, Lawnmont, and 2525 Anderson Lane (shopping center parking lot). A vehicle on Marilyn was also rifled through but the owners didn't want to make a police report because they had left it unlocked. Please always make a police report even if nothing is stolen or your car was unlocked.

In the last newsletter I said Norman Bujanos had been assigned to several of the burglaries but was not immediately available before the writing of the article. I spoke to him later and he said the pattern continues to be the same—BOVs are a crime of opportunity and usually happen when valuables can be seen within and when cars are unlocked.

Thank you for Graffiti Clean-up

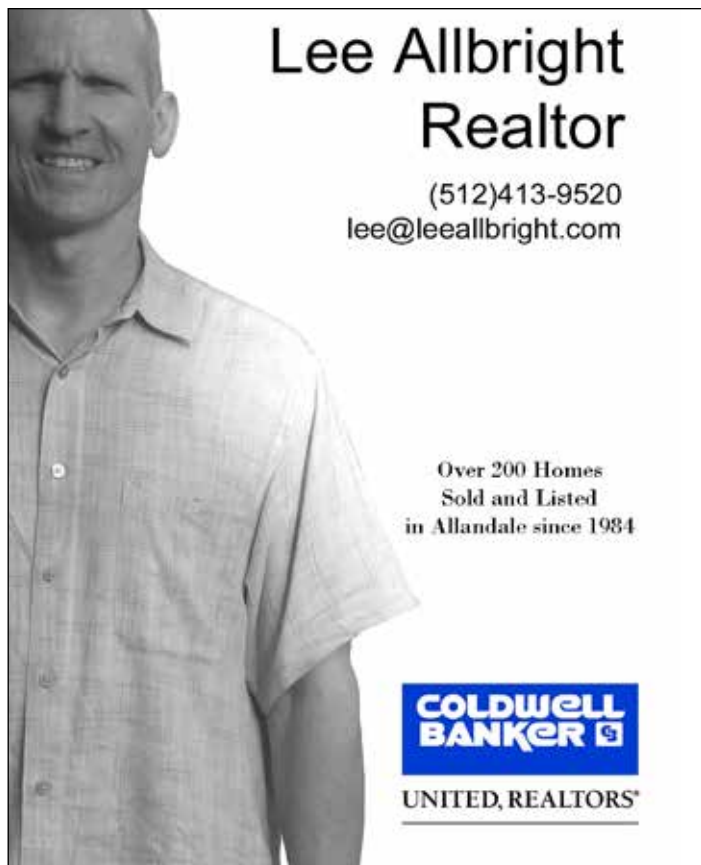
The graffiti committee had another student helper in April—the Far West

pedestrian bridge as well as a wall at the retention pond were tagged, and thanks to ANA board member Rand Zumwalt and his daughter Ava, who helped volunteer Sammy Huffaker and me paint over it all.



Commander's Forum

There was a Region 1 commander's forum on April 11 at the Virginia Brown Rec Center (7500 Blessing Ave), and Commander Michael reiterated Officer Bujanos' statement that BOVs in and around Allandale are all opportunistic—doors are left open, belongings are left showing. Commander Michael reported that while violent crime is up regionwide as well as city and nationwide, Austin crime rate is still below other cities of its size, and property crime is very low in Baker (our area) compared to the city in general. He encouraged everyone to use the APD app to make police reports using their name or anonymously. A presentation about 211 (dialing code for health and human services info) was given by Amy Price.



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Sidewalk on Twin Oaks?

The Gullett Campus Advisory Council (CAC) sent a letter to Safe Routes to Schools stating that sidewalks around Gullett and the lack of one on Twin Oaks were the biggest issues for them, so hopefully our top priority will warrant funding for the Twin Oaks sidewalk. Safe Routes to Schools is currently evaluating all of the feedback from CACs across the city and will prioritize projects soon.

Patrol Signs

The ANA Safety Committee purchased three Neighborhood Watch car magnet signs in response to patrol Carol Walker's request to replace one of her lost signs. We have two others now to be used as needed. Thanks to Carol as well as Kata Carbone for their service to Allandale as they each do a weekly drive through with patrol signs on their cars to help keep our neighborhood safe.

List-serv and Citizen Issues

A Brentwood resident asked about free paint to cover graffiti at Lamar and Justin Lane so the safety committee put her in

touch with Manny Cardenas from the city.

Have heard from Gullett staff about speeding and parking violations around the school and asked our DR Officer Beldin to warn and then ticket.

Have heard that the Great Northern Boulevard resident who has harassed bikers on the street has been seen walking in traffic recently; notified Officer Beldin.

In response to complaints about illegally parked cars on sidewalks and grass blocking, United Auto Group co-owner Paul Neva told Greenlawn block captain Carri Crowe on April 12 that they have secured a new service facility on Lamar that is currently being built so parked cars shouldn't be as big a problem in the future.

There was a list-serv discussion about bikers and traffic rules, the dangers of biking on Shoal Creek Boulevard (SCB), as well as the debate over whether bikers need to come to a complete stop at stop signs; thanks to the ANA EC for giving their blessing to Bike Austin to further investigation SCB safety improvements.

Austin-Travis County EMS Services Department

Did you know Austin has free injury prevention programs? You can register for a car seat check or class and if you're a senior citizen you can obtain a home safety evaluation which includes mitigation to reduce falls, medication and Vial-of-Life program, strength/balance activities, and free equipment such as canes, lock boxes, wheel chairs and smoke detectors. Call 512-972-SAFE (7233), email EMS-PubEd@austintexas.gov, or go to austintexas.gov/EMS.

Please contact me with questions, concerns, or if you are interested in getting involved with the safety committee. You can become a block captain, help remove graffiti, patrol, help plan our Take10 CPR training next February, and more!

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CodeNEXT – What You Need to Know and Why We Need You!

ANA EC Member **Allan McMurtry**

“Something wicked this way comes” was written by Shakespeare in 1606, but it might as well have been written about CodeNEXT, the latest shark chumming land food fight to hit Austin. Not satisfied with single family residential zoning, CodeNEXT eliminates the entire category, all of them. Not satisfied with that, CodeNEXT continues the theory that infrastructure meets all requirements, flooding never happens, all small business adapts, and new parks happen only on the outskirts of town. To say there is nothing in CodeNEXT for existing residents is to do injustice to the word “nothing.”

No plot of land however used is too small for CodeNEXT to provide tools for redevelopment and density. Density without parking, without adequate mass transportation, and without much in the way of compatibility standards. CodeNEXT is excavation on steroids as Allandale is targeted for six-unit lots and houses on lots as small as 25 feet wide (98% of Allandale SF2 lots are over 7,200 sq. feet). It provides for lot sizes of 2500 sq. feet in the north and east parts of Allandale and allows

accessory dwellings across all currently zoned single family residences as well as “accessory uses,” another ill-defined term.

Under the new code, Allandale lot sizes would allow for up to three units per lot. If you combine two 50'x125' lots, you can build seven units per lot. Since about 60% of Allandale is within one-fourth of a mile of a transit corridor, you don't need parking spaces for that apartment in the rear. Matter of fact, you don't need half the current on-site parking.

Let's take a walk down a street dedicated to CodeNEXT. Let's say your lot backs up to a lot on Burnet. Right now, they can't build anything within 15 feet and can only go up two stories 50 feet away. But under CodeNEXT land, you can build a 50-foot building right on your property line with a certain zoning or an alley and only 50 feet away from all residential zoning. The compatibility standards don't exist. Why, a doctor could have an office without building a single onsite parking spot. As we walk along in the shadow of the building, we notice it seems taller than 50 feet. Why is that?

“It's got Density Bonus, it's got Density Bonus, it's got high apple pie in the sky bonus.” Yes, the unspecified density bonus is being considered for “affordable housing” that would add as much as 30 feet more to a building's height down Burnet Road. I put “affordable” in quotations because none of these units will be truly affordable. Why build a unit to rent for 60% of the median family income when you could build and rent one for 100% of the median family income. Besides, current Texas statutes prohibit any city from requiring affordable housing in a residential apartment building. I didn't mean to use the word family, either, because, well, they don't belong as far as CodeNEXT is concerned. Eighty-five percent of units projected to be built will be one-bedroom units. So, families get in the way of CodeNEXT, but hey, no hard feelings.

Back to our building, gosh, that's tall. What happens if an egg or a lawn dart drops off the balcony and hits somebody in the residence below or in the alley? Well it's 32 feet per second per second acceleration. Golly, would that egg be

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moving at 75 feet per second or roughly 50mph when it hits Junior? Note to self, don't go in the back yard at breakfast time. As we walk up the street, it's packed with cars. There are no permits because Austin doesn't like parking permits. Having a party? Not with these parking requirements. Have the party at the bus stop. Since sidewalks don't visit Allandale much, you get to walk in the middle of the street as will your kids, grandpa, great grandma, the cat, the ferret, and the family turtle. Not only do the new units not have to have adequate onsite parking, neither do the businesses. It's all cool; you'll get your walking in after you park three blocks away. In case I forgot, if you tear down your house and rebuild, the first floor can only be 2300 sq. feet, the garage can only be 22 feet wide, and the driveway can only be 10 feet wide. Surely those limits won't restrict the price you can sell your house for.

Some folks think all this density is grand. According to San Francisco's findings, they are male, white, young, and well paid. If that doesn't describe you, well, too bad. Austin's going places without you. Apparently it is going up.

But, let's take the positive side. Your house will be worth more, at least until the six to seven unit developments move in or somebody wants to build a house with more than a 2300 sq. feet ground floor or nudists move into the ADU next door. You can tell it's worth more when you see your property tax bill. A few folks will get rich, that's true. The latest data from CodeNEXT says there will be 138,000 people moving into Austin over 10 years and 141,000 being displaced; 22,990 housing units will be leveled, and 73,990 jobs will cease to exist. Further, \$10 billion in improvements will be lost to achieve increased density from 9.4 to 10.0 persons per net acre. The new US Census data says that Central Texas will see increased population growth but that Austin will get only 30% of that growth in its 325 sq. miles. One has to wonder why CodeNEXT is slipping an embolism to build for 100% of Central Texas Growth being in Austin.

As you digest this article, remember that Allandale is 95%+ deed restricted single family residential use. In 1981 seven of the seven council members voted to approve the Allandale zoning change to single family (SF2). Then in November of 2016, the current city council voted to not allow ADUs in areas zoned SF2. Now here is CodeNEXT building for people who aren't coming at prices that aren't affordable if they come. The real losers in this are people who own their homes, who rent at reasonable rates, and of course, all of us who really have a fondness for Austin.

Below are contact names for persons who can vote your interest. Contact them and let them know your concerns. Also, be alert to meetings in your area about CodeNEXT and tune into the Allandale Neighborhood website for current information: <https://allandaleneighbor.com/>.

You can read about CodeNEXT at:
<https://www.austintexas.gov/CodeNEXT>

You can also comment on CodeNEXT on line at:
<https://CodeNEXT.engagingplans.org/CodeNEXT-comparison-map>

Your voting representatives below:

Councilmember Leslie Pool: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/district-7>

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Allandale's Architectural Heritage is Rich and Worth Preserving

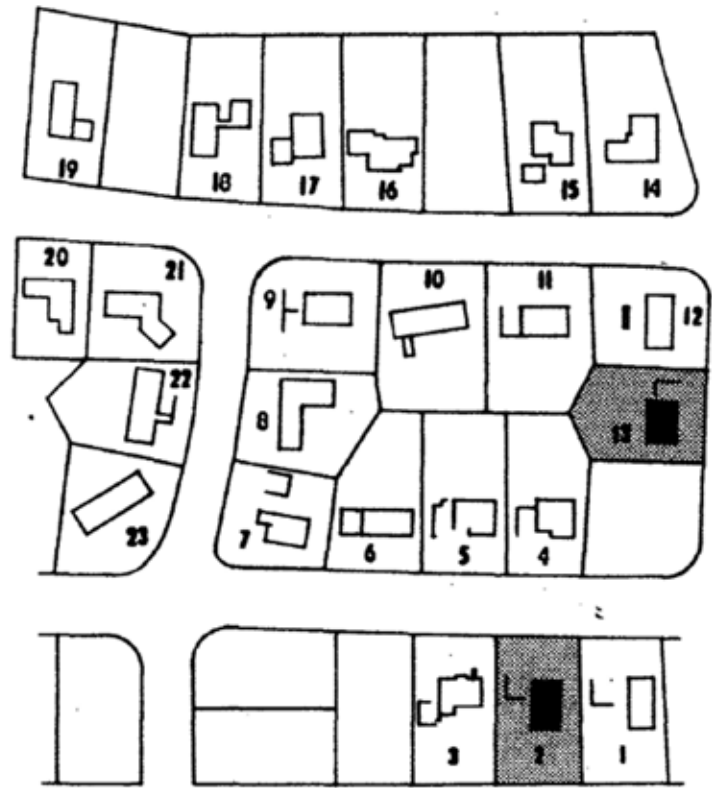
Scott Ehlers

When my family and I began looking for homes in Austin nine years ago, we were immediately drawn to Allandale because of the architecture –ranch and mid-century moderns (MCMs) built in the fifties and sixties– as well as the mature oaks and pecans, and good public schools. (And it didn't hurt there was a Lowe's down the street!) Since the vast majority of original houses were still standing, the neighborhood retained –and still retains– a certain “hominess” and charm that I personally find lacking in most of the tract home developments of today that seem to be “all made out of tacky tacky and they all look just the same.”

Unfortunately, some of our fellow ranches and MCMs haven't been properly cared

for and can't be saved. Some people just don't like their ranch so they bulldoze it and build a white modern farmhouse. To each his own, I guess, but if any of you are thinking about scraping your home off the earth, I thought you should know a little about Allandale's rich architectural heritage before you go and do something that can't be undone.

If you live in the Twin Oaks/Nasco/Park View Drive area, you might just live in an Air Conditioned Village home. According to Preservation Austin's 2016 Historic Homes Tour booklet, Postwar Boom, the Village was made up of 22 houses that opened in 1954 to “assess whether or not central air was cost-effective for the middle class.” Each house featured a different



Air Conditioned Village, courtesy of Preservation Austin



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AVG DAYS ON MARKET	15	19	29
AVG \$/SQ FT	\$256	\$267	\$289
MAX PRICE SOLD	\$844,990	\$830,000	\$880,000
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turer and each home was “sold to specially vetted families who agreed to allow their homes (and themselves) to be studied for a full year.” The project was “spearheaded by Austin architect and Army veteran Ned Cole” and “it was the first experiment of its kind worldwide.”

In addition to testing out central air-conditioning, energy-saving design elements were also incorporated into the homes to assess their effectiveness. Windows were placed away from the sun along the north and south facades. Old-growth trees were preserved, and trellises, plantings, and overhangs were used to shade east and west-facing windows. Designers also tested the use of pale paint colors and white roofing material to reflect sunlight, as well as air-tight insulation.

Scientists monitored homes’ humidity levels, energy consumption, water usage, and temperature fluctuations. Doctors monitored the families’ health. For just \$100 a year, the research found, people could sleep better, families could spend



Frank De Groot home in the Shoalmont area of Allandale:

more time together, and women saved 22 hours a month in the time it took to do housework. Even Soviet housing experts – in the midst of the Cold War– were

impressed when they visited in 1955.

Besides making history as having the first neighborhood with central air-condi-

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Allandale's Architectural Heritage is Rich and Worth Preserving

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tioning in the world, Allandale also has some homes designed by history-making architects. In the 6400 block of Shoal Creek is a mid-century modern home (now with an addition) that was designed by the Austin-based architectural firm, Lundgren and Maurer. Leonard Lundgren was born in Del Valle, attended Austin High, and studied architecture at the University of Texas. He became known for designing mid-century modern homes and commercial projects around the world. One of his commercial projects was designing the Holiday Inn on Town Lake (now Lady Bird Lake for you newcomers), built in 1964. While you can barely tell today, when it was built it was the world's first cylindrical hotel!

Another well-known MCM architect who designed some homes in Allandale is Frank De Groot, who still lives in Allandale today. Mr. De Groot is a World War II veteran who went to the University of Texas on the G.I. Bill and came out of school and started drafting for Gray & Becker. After he became a licensed archi-

tect, he opened an office at 1108 Koenig, where Leopold Danze and H. Ross interned for him. They went on to form their own firm and designed thousands of homes themselves.

For a taste of what a Frank De Groot home looks like, see the picture that accompanies this article. And one of his homes in Rose-dale can be seen here: <http://moder-naustin.com/frank-de-groot-mcm-in-rosedale/>.

I'm hoping to find some more De Groot homes to feature in future issues of Allandale Neighbor, as well as other great mid-century moderns and "atomic ranches" in our wonderful neighborhood.

If you have a tip on a home that deserves some love, please email me with a description

and pictures, if possible, to scotthlers@mac.com.

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